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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9390

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS OCIR, IR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CLEARANCES FOR FLYING TIGER

1. PLEASE ADVISE FLYING TIGER LINE THAT DGCA HAS APPROVED ITS FLIGHT N794FT ARRIVING TEHRAN DEC 16.

2. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE THEM THAT APPROVAL FOR FLIGHT ON DEC 15 NOT GRANTED. EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEGRAMS REQUESTING APPROVALS FOR DEC 15 AND 16 FLIGHTS ON DEC 11 AND IMMEDIATELY FILED APPLICATIONS FOR CLEARANCE DESPITE FACT THAT DGCA REGULATIONS REQUIRE APPLICATION TO BE FILED ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF FLIGHT. ON DEC 12, WHILE PUSHING FOR BOTH CLEARANCES, EMBASSY RECEIVED STILL ANOTHER TELEGRAM FROM FLYING TIGER CANCELLING ITS REQUEST FOR DEC 15 FLIGHT TO SHIRAZ AND SUBSTITUTING DEC 15 FLIGHT TO TEHRAN. DGCA SAID IT WAS TOO LITTLE TIME TO CONSIDER NEW APPLICATION AND TO GET IRAN AIR VIEWS. THEREFORE PERMISSION NOT GRANTED. FLYING TIGER MAY OF COURSE RESUBMIT APPLICATION BUT DGCA AND EMBASSY STRESS THAT REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE TO ALLOW APPLICATION ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF FLIGHT.

3. REQUEST DEPT ONCE AGAIN REMIND FLYING TIGER ABOUT THIS REQUIREMENT AS REQUESTS WITH SHORT LEAD TIME, PARTICULARLY WHEN IRANIAN WEEK-END INVOLVED, ARE CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR BOTH EMBASSY AND DGCA AND ERODING OUR CREDIT WITH DGCA. FLYING TIGER SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NATURE OF CARGO AND ULTIMATE RECIPIENT ARE NO GUARANTEE CLEARANCE WILL BE GRANTED.

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